

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation method comprising:
2 receiving, by a first service, of multimedia-messaging-capability information from
3 a receiving client;
4 transmitting, by the first service, of the multimedia-messaging-capability
5 information to a sending client; and
6 evaluating the multimedia-messaging-capability information by the sending client
7 in order to determine what further action to take relative to communicating with the receiving
8 client.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 transmitting, by a second service, of a message from the sending client to the
3 receiving client; and
4 wherein the message is adapted by the sending client in accordance with the
5 multimedia-messaging-capability information.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising opting, by the sending client, to not
2 send a message to the receiving client.

1 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the second service operates in accordance with
2 multimedia messaging services (MMS).

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the first service operates in accordance with
2 Wireless Village protocol (WV).

1 6. The method of claim 2, wherein:
2 the first service operates in accordance with WV; and
3 the second service operates in accordance with MMS.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information
2 indicates that the receiving client is adapted to receive multimedia messages.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the message is in accordance with MMS.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information
2 indicates that the receiving client is not adapted to receive multimedia messages.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the message is in accordance with short
2 messaging service (SMS).

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information
2 is included in a WV extension field for presence attributes for the receiving client.

1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information
2 is included in a user agent profile (UAprof) link in an information presence attribute of the
3 receiving client.

1 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information
2 is included in a UAprof element of a client information element of the receiving client.

1 14. An end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system comprising:
2 a WV service, wherein the WV service is adapted to:
3 receive multimedia-messaging-capability information from a receiving client; and
4 transmit the multimedia-messaging-capability information to a sending client;
5 an MMS service, wherein the MMS service is adapted to transmit a message from
6 the sending client to the receiving client; and
7 wherein the message is adapted by the sending client in accordance with the
8 multimedia-messaging-capability information.

1 15. The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,
2 wherein the sending client may, responsive to receipt of the multimedia-messaging-capability
3 information, opt to not send a message to the receiving client.

1 16. The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,
2 wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information indicates that the receiving client is
3 adapted to receive multimedia messages.

1 17. The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,
2 wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information indicates that the receiving client is
3 not adapted to receive multimedia messages.

1 18. The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 17,
2 wherein the message is in accordance with SMS.

1 19. The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,
2 wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information is included in a WV extension field
3 for presence attributes for the receiving client.

1 20. The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,
2 wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information is included in a UProf link in an
3 information presence attribute of the receiving client.

1 21. The end-to-end multimedia-messaging-capability-negotiation system of claim 14,
2 wherein the multimedia-messaging-capability information is included in a UProf element of a
3 client information element of the receiving client.